IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Hidehito KUBO
Title:	LOAD BALANCING METHOD AND SYSTEM BASED ON ESTIMATED ELONGATION RATES
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered into the application:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 24, line 2, replace "program" with --processing processes--;

line 23, replace "program" with --processing processes--.

Page 71, line 6, delete "CPU of the".